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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT: Criticism of CIA Briefing Given to
Senator Styles Bridges

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1. [REDACTED]

Washington, D. C., informed me last night that at a party given in her home recently, Senator Styles Bridges expressed to the people present his disappointment at the type of briefing recently given him by CIA. [REDACTED] quoted him as saying that the briefing was given by young men who did not seem to be fully familiar with their subject and was given in a manner described as "blase and disinterested." Senator Bridges said that as a result of this briefing, he felt that the whole CIA setup needed looking into.

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2. Senator Cooper of Kentucky, also present on that occasion, jokingly said, "How can you expect the CIA to live up to all that is required of it if you (Senator Bridges) don't appropriate enough money for them to operate efficiently?" [REDACTED] also quoted Senator Bridges as saying, "I have told Allen Dulles just how I felt about the briefing given me by CIA." STATOTHR

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3. I don't know who else was present at this party, but I gather from [REDACTED] that it was a party of from six to eight people and that Senator Bridges' remarks were made in front of all present.

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4. I have known [REDACTED] for over twenty years and her son is a member of this organization. [REDACTED] knows that I am CIA and that my position is that of Director of Training. STATOTHR

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